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Left in the Dark!

Car crash causes power outage in microgrid community

SUNNYVILLE, CA. - A sedan ran into power lines at 2:30pm, causing a massive power outage in microgrid neighborhood on Thursday.

At the peak of outage, the entire microgrid community of around 12 homeowners were impacted.

As of 12:00am, all were restored.

There were no injuries in the collision, but live lines were knocked to the ground.

Images show a number of snapped poles in the neighborhood off Sol Boulevard, near 12th Avenue and Broadway Avenue.



Car crashed into power lines at around 2:30pm on Thursday.

Homeowner, Jacob Carpenter from the Sunnyville microgrid community, said he heard a loud crash outside and saw what appeared to be several power lines plowed into. The outage comes as local temperatures reach record breaking highs of 103 degrees.

Drunk driving is on the rise

LOCAL - Thursday's crash is part of a growing trend of drunk driving in the neighborhood. Laura Dean-Mooney survived a wife's worst nightmare. 18 years ago, a drunk driver killed her husband. They were married for only two and a half years. "I was left with an 8 1/2 month old baby to raise by myself," she recalls.

The drunk driver was also killed in the crash.

"You never get closure," Mooney says. "My belief is you get through it. And you have a choice to be bitter or better."

Mooney chose to be better by working for Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD, an organization that aims to reduce the number of drunks on the roads.



Evening neighborhood view after hours of no power

Several robberies reported

SUNNYVILLE, CA - The damage that presented misfortune for property owners – also provided a window of opportunity for criminals.

In one case, a man said he came home to find that someone had broken into his home during the power outage

"Some cash and a really nice coin collection that he had going for a long time. That was precious to him," said Mary O'Connor, the victim's neighbor. "It's terrible. You know, at times when things are going bad and people are out doing stuff to their house, it's like, it's not good."

According to O'Connor, another neighbor saw the thief but could not catch up with the person.